

and exposed himself without hesitation.

"A complete sketch of his life would make a history of this stormy period, for there is hardly an event connected with it, in which he does not appear.

"Fresneau, in his political squib against Gaines, the trimming editor of the 'New York Mercury,' gives an amusing account of him:

'At this time there arose, a certain 'KING SEARS,'  
Who made it his duty, to banish our fears,  
He was without doubt, a person of merit,  
Great knowledge, some wit, and abundance of spirit,  
Could talk like a lawyer, and that without fee,  
And threaten'd perdition, to all that drank tea.'

"He was one of the Com. of Correspondence of Fifty-one in 1774, and clung steadfastly to his old friend Mc Dougal, in the division of that body. He was also one of the Com. of One Hundred, chosen by the citizens in 1775, and with four others, was appointed to superintend the fortifying of West Point. Was member of the New York Provincial Congress, and of the Assembly in 1783, and in 1776 was appointed by Gen. Charles Lee, Dep. Adj. Gen., with rank of Lieut. Col.

"He was known from one end of America to the other as a daring 'Son of Liberty.'

"When John Hancock passed through New York in May 1775, he lodged with Mr. Sears at his residence, No. 1 Broadway, afterwards Sir Henry Clinton's Head-Quarters. In a letter to Dorothy Quincy, dated May 17, 1776, he writes, 'sat down to supper of fried oysters, and at 11 o'clock went to Capt. Sears, (the King here), and lodged.

"In the autumn of that year, Sears entered the city at noon day, with a company of Ct. Light Horse, and destroyed the Tory press of Rivington, which had made itself obnoxious to the Whigs.

"Before the war he was engaged in a small importing business, which does not appear to have been very successful, as he accepted the office of Inspector of Pot and Pearl Ashes, which he held until 1772, when he was removed upon the false charge of neglecting duty, which was made to punish him for his prominence in the public censure of the Assembly, although warmly espoused by George Clinton, Philip Schuyler and Nathaniel Woodhull.

"During the war he was engaged in some business in Boston, and made a partnership with his son-in-law, Paschall N. Smith, who appears at an earlier time as captain of an eastern trader. In the New York Directory for 1786, we find 'Sears & Smith, Merchants, 62 Water Street.'

"This business was not successful, the firm failing in 1784-85, and Mr. Sears resumed his voyages. Feb. 4, 1786, he sailed with one of his sons for Batavia and Canton, in ship 'Hope,' Capt. James Magee (who had commanded the privateer 'Gen. Arnold,' belonging to Col. Isaac Sears, and others, which was wrecked in Plymouth Bay, Christmas, 1778, when most of the crew were frozen to death), in company with Mr. Samuel Shaw, First American Consul'at Canton, and Capt. Thomas Randall, Vice Consul, Canton, was taken with a fever at Batavia, from which he was recovering, when a flux set in, from which he died Oct. 28, 1786, and was buried on French Island, Canton harbor; a monument with a suitable inscription was erected over his grave. His son returned to the United States, and was living at St. Eustatius, W.I., in 1792, and connected in business with his bro-in-law, Peregrine Bourdieu, of Dominica, W.I. He died at Martinique, Dec. 16, 1794.

"Capt. Sears was a member of the Corporation of Trinity Church, N.Y.,

and was chosen vestryman, Apr. 17, 1784, serving till Apr. 6, 1786, when he resigned and sailed for China."

Capt. Sears was very active during the Revolution in fitting out privateers. In 1778, he with James Browne of Hartford, owned the 'Mars,' (built in Duxbury,) carrying 22 guns, and a crew of 130 men. She was commanded by Capt. Gilbert Ash of Boston. In 1780, the 'Mars,' was sold to the Board of War of Massachusetts, by Capt. Sears and his son-in-law, Paschal N. Smith for 180 000 pounds.

Col. Sears was at Cambridge with Washington, and at the evacuation of Boston, took up his residence on Tremont street, opposite the north end of King's Chapel burying ground, in the mansion of Gov. Phillips.

He purchased the Com. Loring house, now known as the 'Greenough Place,' at Jamaica Plain, near Boston, upon its confiscation by the State, and Drake says lived there for a time.

During his residence in Boston, he engaged in fitting out privateers, and served on many committees from 1777 to 1782.

Isaac Sears was 'a thorn in the flesh' of the Tories of New York and their sympathizers, and no man of the period was more vilified.

Various historians of New York have followed their example, and no epithet was too strong to apply to him by some of them.

He was no doubt a rough and uncultured seaman by education, but of sterling character and honesty. His manners acquired on the quarter deck and prompt methods of action, did not at all suit the timid and wavering, any more than they did the pronounced Tories or Loyalists.

Maj. Samuel Shaw, our first Consul to China, in his diary, which has been published, speaks in terms of praise of Col. Sears, his fellow passenger on the outward voyage. "To give his character in few words, he was an honest man, an agreeable acquaintance, and a warm friend," and there is nothing like a long voyage to bring out the idiosyncrasies of a man.

Many of his letters are preserved in the archives of New York and Connecticut, and they give a very fair insight into his character and principles.

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130. Lt. <sup>5</sup>JUDAH <sup>4</sup>SEARS, (Judah, Samuel, Paul, Richard,) <sup>3</sup><sup>2</sup><sup>1</sup> b. Harwich, Mass., Nov. 19, 1734; d. Rochester, Mass., 1782; m. Yarmouth, Mass., Sept. 21, 1760, Molly Crowell, dau. of John & Kezia (Eldredge) C., she b. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1739.

#### Children in Rochester:

404. 1. Temperance, b. Apr. 2, 1763; d. South East, N.Y., Dec. 19, 1833, ae. 70.8.17, gr-st., Sears Cem.; m. Isaac Paddock, son of Zachariah & Elizabeth (Howes) P., he b. about 1761; d. So. East, June 22, 1840, in his 79th yr., gr-st. She is supposed to have lived previous to her marriage in the family of Benjamin Sears, Jr., in So. East.

405. 2. Obed, b. Aug. 10, (or 30) 1764.

406. 3. Hannah, b. Dec. 25, 1765.

407. 4. Nathan, b. June 28, 1767.
408. 5. William, b. Nov. 13, 1768.
409. 6. Judah, b. 1772.
410. 7. Mary, bapt. Oct. 10, 1773.
411. 8. Rebecca, bapt. Sept. 24, 1775.

Judah Sears removed to Rochester, Mass., with his parents previous to 1764. He was a minute man in Capt. Seth Briggs' Co., and on the alarm at Lexington, marched 80 miles, 4 days service, expense and wages, 12s. and 4s.3d.; was 2d. Lt. in Capt. Stephen Wing's Co., Col. Cary's Reg., 177-. On the occasion of the Convention at Barnstable in Sept. 1774, Judah Sears, Jr., was on the Com. "to hear and determine all offenses against morality, decency and good manners, that shall be complained of during the time of our present enterprise," etc.

His estate was settled in 1782, and found insolvent; his wife Mary is mentioned, but no children; and the family may have removed, as they are not again found in town or church records.

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132. Capt. ALDEN<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Judah, <sup>4</sup> Samuel, <sup>3</sup> Paul, <sup>2</sup> Richard,<sup>1</sup>) b. Harwich, Mass., Feb. 24, 1738-39; d. Bristol, N.Y., Mar. 25, 1803, ae. 64 yrs.; m. Hannah Bassett, who d.s.p. Liverpool, Nova Scotia; and 2d., Dighton, Mass., Dec. 29, 1769, Phebe Walker, dau. of Col. Elnathan & Betsey (Lincoln) W., she b. 1748; d. Bristol, N.Y., Oct. 23, 1830, ae. 92 yrs.

Children;

by Phebe,

\*412. 1. ALDEN, b. 1770.

413. 2. Phebe, b. 1771; d. Oct. 22, 1841, ae. 71 yrs.; m. Maj. Sylvanus Jones, he b. Dighton, Mass., Oct. 27, 1770; removed to Bristol, Ontario Co., N.Y., in 1802, where both died.

Children, Jones:

1. Jason, b. May 7, 1796; d. Newton, Jasper co., Iowa, Mar. 31, 1860; rem. to Ohio, about 1818, and in 1857 to Iowa; m. Feb. 2, 1818, Elizabeth D. Grover, dau. of Stephen G., of Conn., who d. May 14, 1856, at Norton, Ohio; and 2d., Miss Coddington of Rochester, N.Y.

Children, Jones:

1. Ezekiel, b. Canandaigua, N.Y., Nov. 28, 1818; d. Jasper co., Iowa, Dec. 13, 1885; m. Nov. 17, 1866, Margaret Johnson, no children.

2. Phebe S., b. Canandaigua, June 17, 1821; d. Aug. 21, 1855; m. ----- Taylor.

3. Mary B., b. Jackson, Ohio, July 23, 1823; d. Norton, Ohio, Aug. 5, 1848, unmrd.
  4. William J., b. Jackson, O., Oct. 23, 1825; rem. to Arizona.
  5. Joseph G., b. Jackson, O., Jan. 27, 1827; m. Mar. 17, 1850, Isabel Grove of Lancaster, Pa., res. Ira, Jasper co., Iowa.
  6. Zenas C., b. Jackson, O., Apr. 2, 1829; m. Mar. 17, 1859, Sarah Ann King, dau. of Samuel & Cerenia L. K., of Akron, O., where they reside.
  7. Phineas B., b. Jackson, O., Oct. 15, 1832; m. Dec. 29, 1864, Sarah Kulms, of Jasper co., Iowa; res. near Nevada, Mo.
  8. Charles, b. Norton, O., Oct. 7, 1836; m. Aug. 15, 1858, Katie M. Love, of Jasper co., Iowa; res. Quincy, O.
  9. Ann M., b. Apr. 13, 1838; d. Aug. 6, 1863, unmrd., at Johnson's Corners, Summit co., O.
2. Zebulon, b. June 1797; m. 1823, Hannah Fisher; and 2d., 1842, -----; all lived and died in Bristol, N.Y.  
Children, Jones:
1. Juliette, b. July 1825; m. Philander Pickett of Alton, Ill., and d. about 1863.
  2. Cornelia, b. 1828; m. 1852, Nathaniel Andrews; and 2d., ----- Allen of Wadsworth, O.
  3. Adeliza, b. 1830.
  4. Marietta, b. 1832.
  5. Mandana, b. 1835; m. about 1854, George Lewis of Alton, Ill.
  6. Maria.
3. Sylvanus, m. -----; and 2d., ----- Wadsworth; all d. in Westfield, Medina co., O.
4. Eleanor, b. Dighton, Mass., Apr. 5, 1800; d. June 8, 1849; m. Sept. 11, 1823, Lewis Hammond of Bath, Summit co., O.; who d. Mar. 10, 1849, ae. 55 yrs.; he was descended from Thomas Hammond of Newton, Mass.  
Children, Hammond:
1. William Jones, b. Bath, O., June 4, 1824; d. Dec. 9, 1896; m. June 1, 1847, Margaret A. Baldwin, res. Guthrie, Iowa.
  2. Rolland O., b. July 7, 1826; d. Jan. 12, 1867; m. June 8, 1851, Malvina A. Harris of Cleveland, O., res. Akron, O.
  3. Edwin Lewis, b. Mar. 12, 1828; d. Feb. 11, 1897; m. Dec. 29, 1870, Helen M. Kingsbury of Tazeville co., Ill., (a neice of Nathaniel K., of Dedham, Mass.), who d. Jan. 10, 1897; res. Deer Creek, Tazeville co., Ill.
  4. Erwin Julius, b. Bath, O., Jan. 7, 1830; m. Apr. 27, 1854, Ellen Antell, res. in Illinois and Kansas, and later in Contra Costa co., Cal.
  5. Charles H., b. Jan. 15, 1833; m. May 18, 1865, Sarah Maria (Skiff) Hammond; is a travelling agent for King & Co., of N.Y.
  6. Sebra Ulysses, b. Bath co., O., Feb. 11, 1835; m. Dec. 4, 1857, Rhoda E. Harris, of Akron, O., she b. Feb. 13, 1840; d. Aug. 10, 1862; (was a sister of Mrs. R.O.

Hammond;) and 2d., Jan. 4, 1866, Margaret S. Duey of Richmond, Ind.; res. Chicago, Ill.

7. Roxanna, b. Nov. 6, 1837; d. May 5, 1852.

8. Winfield Scott, b. Oct. 5, 1841; d. Aug. 30, 1853.

5. Isaac, m. Sarah Simmons, and settled about 1825 in Westfield, Medina co., O.; d. ae. 86 yrs.; had 2 sons and 4 daus.

6. Phebe, m. about 1830, Ira Hawkins of Bath, O.

Children, Hawkins:

1. Rasselas W., b. Bath, O., Dec. 1834; d. San Antonia, Texas, Feb. 1876; m. Alton, Ill., about 1865, -----

-----; left a widow and 3 children.

2. Oliver, b. 1836; res. Kansas.

3. Adeline, m. -----, who d.; no children.

4. Heber, b. 1840; m. ----- Sweet of Richfield, Summit co., O.

7. Roxanna, b. Bristol, N.Y., Jan. 4, 1805; d. Feb. 14, 1875; m. Sept. 25, 1827, Capt. Richard Howes, (or Haves,) he b. St. Mary's co., Md., Mar. 8, 1799; d. Akron. O., Mar. 19, 1872. Children, Howes(or Haves):

1. Henry W., b. June 29, 1828; m. Sept. 15, 1856, Jennie Williamson of Stow, O., who d. Mar. 25, 1857; and 2d., Dec. 12, 1859, Isadore C. Bell of Conn.; res. Ira, Summit co., O.

2. Charles R., b. Jan. 27, 1831; d. Dec. 9, 1875; m. Aug. 30, 1850, Mary C. Webster of Akron, O., who d. 1865.

3. Nathan J., b. Apr. 24, 1833; m. Feb. 8, 1883, Mary Adelaide Thompson of St. Clair, Mich.; res. Joliet, Ill.

4. Emily B., b. Mar. 5, 1840; m. Oct. 16, 1866, James A. Ingersoll; res. Chicago, Ill.

5. Edwin L., b. Mar. 5, 1840; d. inf.

6. Eber, d. inf.

7. Mary Anna, b. June 23, 1842; m. Oct. 25, 1864, John Wolf of Akron, O.

8. Sabra, b. Bristol, N.Y., 1823-24; m. -----; res. Medina co., O.; both d. there and left 3 or 4 children.

9. Mary, b. Bristol, N.Y.; m. ----- Lyon; rem. to Victor, N.Y.

10. Nathan, b. Bristol, N.Y.; m. Apr. 20, 1837, Sarah Hammond of Bath, O., who d. Oct. 14, 1848; he d. Aug. 1847.

Children, Jones:

1. Oscar, b. 1844; d. Galesburg, Ill., 1864.

2. James, b. July 17, 1846; res. Parsons, Kansas.

414. 3. Hannah, b. 1773; d. Mar. 1849, ae. 76 yrs.; m. Stephen Sisson.

Children, Sisson:

1. Phebe, b. Oct. 1794.

2. Rebecca, b. Sept. 7, 1796.

3. Stephen, b. Mar. 19, 1798.

4. Horace, b. Jan. 1, 1800; d. Feb. 1867.

5. Judah, b. Dec. 1802; d. Aug. 1870.

6. Charles, b. Mar. 1804;

7. Hannah, b. Mar. 9, 1806.

415. 4. Abigail, b. ; d. Mar. 1813; m. John Kent.

Children, Kent:

1. John, b. Dec. 30, 1799.
2. Walker, b. May 27, 1801.
3. Phineas, b. Oct. 4, 1804.
4. Charity, b. Feb. 10, 1806.
5. Alford, b. Jan. 12, 1811.
6. Calvin, b. Mar. 28, 1813.

\*416. 5. EDWARD, b. Apr. 25, 1778.

417. 6. Eleanor, b. 1781; (ae. 75 in 1856;) m. Richard Simmons from Dighton, in 1790; and d. 1866.

Children, Simmons:

1. Maria, b. May 10, 1802; d. Oct. 4, 1874.
2. Sardis, b. July 22, 1804; d. Mar. 13, 1879.
3. Richmond, b. June 11, 1806; d. Feb. 11, 1862.
4. Elizathan W., b. June 2, 1811; was a physician in Canandaigua, N.Y.
5. Eleanor, b. June 1812; d. July 1812.
6. George W., b. Feb. 27, 1813; d. 1877.
7. Abigail, b. Feb. 4, 1815; m. Richmond Simmons of Victor, N.Y., her cousin.
8. Aroc L., b. Feb. 8, 1816; d. May 31, 1857.
9. Mary J., b. Feb. 16, 1818.

\*418. 7. JOHN, b. 15 June 1783

Alden Sears, yeoman, of Rochester, Mass., lived for a time in Nova Scotia, and was one of the grantees of the town of Liverpool in 1761. His wife dying he returned to the States, living for a time in Pawtucket and Providence, engaged in boat-building and distilling. He had previously been a seaman, and is said to have commanded a whaling vessel before he was of age. Marrying again he settled in Dighton, Mass., on the old Walker homestead, which, on the death of her father, fell to his wife. The old house is still standing, near 200 years old, and is a good specimen of the early colonial times.

About the commencement of the Revolutionary War he resumed his voyages, and in returning from the West Indies with a cargo of molasses was captured by the British, lost his vessel and cargo, and was held prisoner for several years. An English officer with whom he had made friends, finally procured his release, and supplied him with funds for his return. His wife is said to have had full faith during all the years of his absence that he would return, although others had given him up as dead. According to the superstitions of the times, there were many signs convincing to her that he would return. One evening in turning her tea-cup, the peculiar position of the leaves was proof that he was then on his way home. She rose hastily saying "Alden will be home tonight, and I must put the house in order, and dress to meet him," upon opening the door, she really saw him in the distance approaching the house.

They removed to Bristol, N.Y., in 1802, with others from the vicinity of Dighton. For his land he paid six cents an acre.

He served in Capt. Elijah Walker's Co., in Col. John Hathaway's Reg., and marched on the alarm of Aug. 2, 1780, to Tiverton, R.I., 18 miles travel, 7 days service, wages \$1.80.

133. Lt. NATHAN<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Judah,<sup>4</sup> Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Paul,<sup>2</sup> Richard,<sup>1</sup>) b. Harwich, Mass., June 18, 1741; d. Rochester, Mass., Feb. 27, 1825; (Feb. 6, Ch.Rec.) m. Chatham, Mass., Dec. 1764, Rebecca Crowell, dau. of Paul & Rebecca C., of Chatham, she b. Oct. 18, 1742; and 2d., Rochester, Sept. 18, 1779, (Handy) <sup>widow of Stephen B.</sup> Thankful Bassett of Roch., she b. May 29, 1752; d. Mar. 4, 1818, ae. 65.yrs 9mos. 6 days; (in the entry of the death of her son Stephen, she is called Thankful Handy.) There is a tradition that Lt. Sears married about 1770, ---- Sherman, but I have found no confirmation of it.

## Children in Rochester:

by Rebecca,

\*419. 1. PAUL, b. Nov. 11, 1765.

420. 2. Betty, b. Aug. 21, 1768; d. Woodstock, Vt., 1851; m. Aug. 20, 1797, Thomas Barrows, he b. June 19, 1768; he disappeared and was supposed to have been murdered, but turned up in New Orleans, La., married to another woman.

## Children, Barrows:

1. Jane, b. Aug. 9, 1798; d. May 29, 1824.
2. Thomas, b. Dec. 21, 1799; d. inf.

421. 3. Eleazar, b. Aug. 20, 1770.

by Thankful,

422. 4. Stephen B., b. about 1781; m. Oct. 1802, Azubah Mendall, he d.s.p. Mar. 14, 1847, ae. 66 yrs.

423. 5. Rebecca, b. Sept. 20, 1782; d. Mar. 24, 1819, ae. 36.6.4, gr-st., Rochester; m. Presbury Clark.

## Children, Clark:

1. Leonard.
2. Nathan.
3. Susan.
4. Dorcas.
5. Rebecca.
6. Presbury.
7. Rufus.
8. Warren.

and twins who d. Mar. 24, 1819.

\*424. 6. NATHAN, b. Sept. 27, 1785.

\* 425. 7. Sukey, b. ; m. July 2, 1820, Presbury Clark, her bro-in-law.

## Children, Clark:

1. Eleanor.
2. Eunice.
3. Elvira.

4. Susan.
5. Lunas ?

Family tradition says that Nathan Sears was Captain of a company at the battle of Bunker's Hill. The records say he was an Ensign in Capt. Edward Hammond's Co., Apr 20, 1775, on alarm at Lexington, 7 days service, 80 miles travel, 16s. 8d. He served as 2d. Lt. in Col. Cotton's Reg., May to Dec. 1775, and was 2d. Lt., in 23d. Continental Infantry, Jan. 1, to Dec. 31, 1776.

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134. DAVID<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Judah, Samuel, Paul, Richard,) b. Harwich, Mass.,

May 10, 1744; d. Rochester, Mass.; m. there, Aug. 26, 1762, Abigail Gerry; and 2d., Feb. 13, 1766, Susannah Handy, dau. of Zaccheus & Susannah H., she b. Sept. 27, 1746.

Children in Rochester:

by Susannah,

\*426. 1. LOT, b. July 2, 1767.

\*427. 2. PRINCE, b. Oct. 15, 1768.

428. 3. Susannah, b. Dec. 29, 1770.

429. 4. Alice, b. Sept. 1, 1773; m. Dec. 12, 1792, Ebenezer Clarke of Roch.

430. 5. Achsah, b. Apr. 9, 1776; d. Feb. 15, 1815; m. Oct. 23, 1796, Daniel Belden Stow of Claverack-on-the-Hudson, he b. Aug. 10, 1771; d. Mar. 20, 1859. He was one of the rare ones of the earth, a grand and noble Christian gentleman, by profession a lawyer. His wife was a woman of superior mind and judgement, and one of faith and prayer, and each of her children were strong Christian characters; she died after a long illness of consumption, Feb. 15, 1815.

Children, Stow:

1. William Sears, b. Oct. 6, 1797; res. Clyde, N.Y.; m. Sept. 12, 1825, Maria Augusta De Burg, dau. of Frederic Augustus De B, (Baron von Zing,) by his wife Mary Lawrence; she b. Apr. 6, 1799; d. Dec. 25, 1873.

Children, Stow:

1. William De Burg, b. Mar. 2, 1827; d. May 18, 1827.

2. John Barber, b. Dec. 25, 1829; d. Nov. 15, 1885.

3. Maria Antoinette, b. June 8, 1834; m. Dec. 10, 1856, Charles C. Cady.

4. De Lancey, b. Sept. 4, 1841; m. Sept. 27, 1863, Eunice Sophia Scott.

2. Dennis, b. Conway, Mass., July 29, 1799; d. Beloit, Wis., Nov. 25, 1883; m. Claverack, N.Y., Jan. 14, 1821, Sarah Ann Van Deusen, who d. Niles, Mich., Aug. 9, 1866.

Children, Stow:

1. William Augustus, b. Nov. 6, 1821; d. May 1, 1824.
2. Frederic Edmonds, b. Mar. 18, 1823; was killed at Nicaragua, with Col. Walker, Nov. 1854. He served under Gen. Scott in the Mexican war, and was body-guard to Gen. Worth during one or two important battles.
3. William Augustus, b. Mar. 4, 1831; m. Niles, Mich., Oct. 15, 1855, Kate C. Seymour; res. Greensboro, N.C.
4. Mary Frances, b. May 8, 1833; m. Niles, Mich., Sept. 29, 1852, Charles F. Bentley; res. St. Anthony's Park, St. Paul, Minn.
3. Jonathan, b. Oct. 25, 1802; d. Sept. 18, 1860; m. ----- left issue.
4. Frederic, b. Sept. 14, 1805; d. Oct. 18, 1805.
5. Daniel Belden, b. Nov. 14, 1806; m. Ghent, N.Y., Sept. 29, 1829, -----, she b. Apr. 25, 1811; he d. Dec. 2, 1852.  
Children, Stow:
  1. John Adams, b. Apr. 24, 1831.
  2. Margaret Achsah, b. Oct. 3, 1834, d. inf.
  3. Margaret Achsah, b. June 9, 1836.
  4. Mary E., b. July 11, 1838.
  5. Helen Augusta, b. Dec. 16, 1840.
  6. Mary Livingston, b. Feb. 3, 1844.
  7. Theodore H. C., b. Jan. 11, 1845.
  8. Son, b. and d. Aug. 3, 1847.
  9. Emma Amelia, b. July 10, 1848.
6. Jane Matilda, b. May 10, 1810; d. Sept. 20, 1850; m. Peter V. Hermance, who d. Sept. 20, 1850.  
Children, Hermance:
  1. Achsah, m. ----- Richardson; res. Brooklyn, N.Y. and others.
7. Julia Ann, b. Nov. 19, 1813; d. Sept. 28, 1814.

431. 6. David, b. July 19, 1778; m. Hudson, N.Y., Phebe Pease, and had issue. He removed to New York with his brother in 1793, and settled in Hudson, where he engaged in business, but being unsuccessful went to Canada, and later to Charleston, S.C.; some of his children lived in Hudson or Claverack.

~~The estate of David Sears was settled in 1782.~~

Note. Philip Mark De Zing, brother of Mrs. Maria (De Burg) Stow, m. Lucretia Sears of Bainbridge, N.Y., and d. Clyde, N.Y., 1861. Children, De Zing: Charles. Lawrence. John C. Clark. Philip. Eliza. Mary. I have been unable to identify the above Lucretia Sears, she may have been a daughter of David & Phebe. h. 431.

The estate of David Sears was settled in 1782.

David Sears marched in Capt. Seth Briggs' Co., on the alarm at Lexington, leaving home Apr. 19, 1775; 80 miles, 4 days service, wages and expense, 12s. and 4s. 3d.; and on alarm at Dartmouth, in 2d. Foot Co., Lt. John Doty, Sept 5, to Sept. 11, 1778, 6 days, wages £1. 12. 0. He was also called on alarm at Dartmouth, May 6 and 7, 1776.

135. RICHARD<sup>5</sup> SEARS,(Judah,<sup>4</sup> Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Paul,<sup>2</sup> Richard,<sup>1</sup>) b. Harwich, Mass., June 8, 1746; m. Wareham, Mass., Nov. 9, 1769, Sarah Bumpus of W.

## Children in Wareham:

432. 1. Mary, b. Sept. 13, 1771; m. Jan. 29, 1795, Zerah Bennett of Woodstock, Vt.  
 432a. 2. Celia, b. Aug. 8, 1773.  
 432b. 3. Azubah, b. July 14, 1775; m. Apr. 20, 1797, John Murdock of Carver, Mass.

## Children, Murdock:

1. Philip, b. 1798. June 14, beth. July 9, 1802.  
 2. Bartlett, b. 1799. Sept. 18, beth. July 9, 1809; d. Nov. 11, 1816.  
 3. Chloe, b. 1801; m. Blaney Phillips.  
 4. Sally, b. 1802. beth. Oct. 11, 1802.  
 5. Azubah Sears, b. 1804. (See 31, beth. May 24, 1809, m. T. Wm. Withington of Chatham, July 27, 1807.)  
 6. Deborah, b. 1806. beth. Aug. 24, 1806; d. <sup>Deborah beth. Aug. 24, 1806; d.</sup> Sally, beth. Aug. 9, 1807.

432c. 4. Sarah, b. May 29, 1778; m. Sept. 8, 1794, Joseph Damon of New Bedford, Mass.

432d. 5. Prince, b. Feb. 20, 1781.

\*432e. 6. RICHARD, b. Apr. 12, 1783.

432f. 7. Charity, b. July 7, 1785.

432g. 8. Lucy, b. Aug. 10, 1788; m. May 13, 1810, Joseph Withington of Carver, Mass.

"Richard Sears was a non-commissioned officer in the militia," according to a family tradition; he marched on alarm Apr. 19, 1775, from Wareham to Marshfield, 71 miles travel, and 4 days service; served 3 days at Elizabeth Island, alarm of Dec. 7, 1776; was in Capt. Isaac Wood's Co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's Reg., July 20 to Aug. 27, 1777, in R.I., 1mo. 7 days service; on alarm Sept. 12, 1778, served 7 days, 50 miles "out and in"; was a drummer with 2d. Co. Foot, Capt. David Nye, to Falmouth, Sept. 10, 1779, 32 miles, 4 days service; and served in Capt. David Noyes' Co.; Col. White's Reg., in R.I., July 30 to Aug. 8, 1780, 9 days service,

He perhaps lived for a time in Hyannis, Mass.

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141. JOHN<sup>5</sup> SEARS,(John,<sup>4</sup> Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Paul,<sup>2</sup> Richard,<sup>1</sup>) b. Yarmouth, Mass., June 5, 1737; m. Harwich, Mass., Oct. 13, 1763, Elizabeth Sillew, dau. of Philip S., she b. 1741; d. Nov. 1, 1764, in her 23d yr., gr-st., Chatham, Mass.; and 2d., Tiverton, R.I., (int. Chatham, Apr. 4, 1767,) Sylvester or Sylvia Sisson of Tiverton, dau. of Thomas S., (and named in his Will, proved Jan. 1777.)

## Children:

by Elizabeth,

433. 1. Child, b. Chatham, Mass., Nov. 1, 1764; d. Nov. 13, 1764, ae. 12 yrs., gr-st., and perhaps others.

John Sears lived in Chatham for a time, and it is said occupied the old Richard Sears house; he removed to Rochester, Mass., and thence to Pawtucket, R.I.

He served in the 2d. Co. Foot, called out on the alarm at Dartmouth and Falmouth, May 6-7, 1776, and again Sept. 5, to Sept. 11, 1778, under Capt. Doty, in Col. Eben Sproul's Reg., served 6 days; also Sept. 13, to Sept. 17, 1778.

John Sears of Bristol, R.I., m. Melinda Keith of Bridgewater, Mass., at Middleboro, Mass., Dec. 17, 1805. This was probably his son.

Melinda, dau. of John & Melinda Sears, d. Mar. 8, 1815, ae. 2 yrs., gr-st., Bridgewater Cemetery, South St., near Titicut Bridge.

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145. DAVID<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (John,<sup>4</sup> Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Paul,<sup>2</sup> Richard,<sup>1</sup>) bapt. Harwich, Mass., d. in a British prison ship in Halifax, N.S., in Aug. 1778; Apr. 27, 1746; m. Har., Oct. 27, 1765, Katharine Sillew, dau. of Philip S., who died of consumption; and 2d., Apr. 8, 1773, Phebe Taylor, dau. of John T., (who m. 2d., int. July 4, 1782, Rev. Jonathan Bascom, his 2d. wife.)

## Children in Harwich:

by Phebe,

434. 1. Rebecca, b. Apr. 16, 1775; d. Hampden, Maine, Nov. 28, 1837, ae. 62 yrs., gr-st.; m. there, Oct. 12, 1797, Maj. Robert Burnham Wheeler, son of Benjamin & Elizabeth (Burnham) W., (who came from Durham, N.H., in 1767, the first settler on the Penobscot river,) he b. Mar. 8, 1770; d. Sept. 1, 1849, ae. 79 yrs., gr-st.

## Children, Wheeler:

1. David Sears, (Capt.) b. Aug. 17, 1798; d. Matanzas, Cuba, of yellow fever, unmrd.
2. Joseph, b. May 31, 1800; d. Machias, Me.
3. Robert Burnham, (Mate,) b. Dec. 23, 1801; d. Matanzas, Cuba, of yellow fever, unmrd. (same time as his brother, Capt. David S.)
4. Phebe Sears, b. July 17, 1803; d. next day.
5. Willard, (Capt.) b. Sept. 3, 1804; d. Galesburg, Ill., Feb. 3, 1870; m. Feb. 16, 1830, Bethia Freeman, his 2d. Cousin.

## Children, Wheeler:

1. Catharine Sears, b. Apr. 8, 1831; m. Nov. 7, 1853, Josiah Babcock of Hampden, and d. Galesburg, Ill., Sept. 14, 1890.

2. Rebecca Sears, b. Jan. 16, 1833; m. Aug. 26, 18--, Isaac Wilkins of Brownsville, res. in Hampden, Me., Galesburg, Ill., and Goodland, Kansas.

3. Mary Ann, b. Feb. 26, 1833; d. July 16, 1867; m. Apr. 23, 1854, John Franklin Stilson.
  4. Emeline Freeman, b. May 8, 1837; m. Dec. 24, 1862, Manly Hardy of Brewer, Me. (Mrs. Fannie H. Eckstorm of Brewer is a daughter.)
  5. Delia Tappan, b. Feb. 21, 1841; d. Galesburg, Ill., unm., Apr. 11, 1895.
  6. Charlotte Ellis, b. Dec. 23, 1844; d. Hampden, Me., Aug. 12, 1861.
  7. Alice Freeman, b. Jan. 10, 1849; d. Hampden, Me., Nov. 26, 1849.
  6. Catharine Sears, b. Apr. 7, 1806; d. Bangor, Me., Mar. 13, 1876; m. 1827, Jeremiah Pearson Hardy, of Hampden and Bangor, Me., "the best portrait painter of his day in Bangor." Children, Hardy:
    1. Francis Willard, b. 1828; m. Martha Hill, and 2d., Helen Stilson.
    2. Benjamin, d. young.
    3. Henry, d. young.
    4. Phebe.
    5. Annie Eliza, b. 1837; a widely known flower painter, unm., 1910.
  7. Dulcia Aurelia, b. Dec. 12, 1808; d. unm., Aug. 25, 1856.
  8. Benjamin Crosby, b. 1811; d. unm., Feb. 12, 1838.
  9. Jotham Sewell, b. ; d. in infancy.
  10. Jonathan, d. inf.
  11. Joan Crosby, b. 1818; d. unm., Dec. 24, 1877; was long a school teacher in Bangor. Me.
435. 2. Katharine, b. 1777; bapt. Sept. 29, 1782; d. Hampden, Me., Aug. 23, 1849, ae. 72 yrs., gr-st.; unm.

\* David Sears was taken prisoner of war, and imprisoned at Halifax, but the prison filled, and no exchange of prisoners. He with others was removed to a prison-ship, bad air, bad food for one who had known no privation, no exercise, and no prospect of release; he sickened and died an early death, no friend near him to soothe him in his parting hours, or to bear to his wife and children his parting adieu.

\* His wife had consumption, and lost her energy and care, hired help broke and destroyed everything. Rebecca Sears went and did everything for their comfort, and left the sick lady better. She lived some time; the second wife was a Miss Taylor.

*Anh.* Grace Sears, widow, in her Will, July 20, 1779, mentions her granddaughters, Rebecca and Katharine Sears.

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151. ROLAND<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Seth, Samuel, Paul, Richard,) b. Harwich, Mass., Sept. 18, 1726; d. May 1, 1750, in his 24th yr., gr-st., West Brewster, Mass.; m. Harwich, Nov. 2, 1749, Elizabeth Crosby of Yarmouth, Mass.

Child in Harwich:

\*436. 1. ROLAND, b. Aug. 23, 1750.

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161. BENJAMIN<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Benjamin,<sup>4</sup> Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Paul,<sup>2</sup> Richard,<sup>1</sup>) b. Harwich, Mass., May 2, 1738; d. Mar. 12, 1827, ae. 90 yrs., gr-st., Milltown, N.Y., m. Mary Hall, dau. of Peter H., of South East, N.Y., who d. May 26, 1814, ae. 73 yrs., and was buried beside her husband.

Children in South East:

\*437. 1. PETER, b. Dec. 20, 1763.

\*438. 2. HEMAN, b. Jan. 7, 1767.

439. 3. Deliverance, b. Dec. 19, 1769; d. Apr. 17, 1791; m. Noah Smith.  
Child, Smith:  
1. Benjamin, b. 1791.

\*440. 4. ISAAC, b. Mar. 2, 1772;

\*441. 5. SAMUEL, b. July 17, 1774.

Benjamin Sears is said to have lived for a time in Richfield or Litchfield, N.Y., also in Sardinia, but his children were born in South East, and he and his wife are buried there.

Benjamin Sears was Pound-keeper in So. East, Apr. 6, 1793; and he was taxed there in 1777.

"Temperance Sears lived in his family, and married ~~John~~ Paddock," she was probably a daughter of Lt. Judah Sears, R. I. Co.

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162. Capt. STEPHEN<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Benjamin,<sup>4</sup> Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Paul,<sup>2</sup> Richard,<sup>1</sup>) b. Harwich, Mass., May 20, 1738; d. New York city, 1791; m. Sarah Hunter, dau. of Dea. H., and 2d., Sharon, Conn., Apr. 2, 1767, Elizabeth Hyde, who d. Oct. 28, 1767, in her 29th yr., gr-st.; and 3d., Mar. 9, 1769, Mrs. Sybil (Hunt) Pardee, dau. of Capt. Daniel & Hannah H., she b. Feb. 18, 1740; d. Feb. 8, 1834, ae. 94 yrs., gr-st.; (by her first marriage Mrs. P., had a daughter Sybil, who married Dr. Simeon Blackman, and died Sharon, Conn., Aug. 15, 1844, ae. 82 yrs.) "Mrs. Dillie Sears, wife of Stephen Sears, d. Feb. 28, 1766, in her 26th yr., gr-st.;" but the records say his first wife was Sarah Hunter.

Children:

by Sarah,

442. 1. Abigail, m. Feb. 15, 1781, Alpheus Jewitt of Sharon, Conn., and Skaneateles, N.Y.  
Children, Jewitt:

1. Deliverance, a son, b. July 12, 1781 ?
2. Rebecca, b. Oct. 5, 1781.
3. Abigail, b. Oct. 25<sup>6</sup>, 1785.
4. Freedom G., whose son, "Bill Jewitt," left a widow, who was in 1883, Mrs. Judge Marvin of Skaneateles.

443. 2. Anna, b. June 30, 1760; d. 1857, ae. 97 yrs.; m. 1783, Isaac Crane of South East, N.Y., son of Judge Joseph C., Jr., he b. June 26, 1763; d. Mar. 6, 1810; she d. 1857, ae. 97 yrs.; they lived at Crane's corners, 4 miles from Litchfield, and 10 miles from Herkimer, N.Y.

Children, Crane:

1. Henry, b. Jan. 21, 1784; d. Mar. 6, 1875; m. Jan. 15, 1808, Amarilla H. Moses, dau. of Elijah & Hannah (Merrill) M., she b. Aug. 1, 1789; d. Apr. 17, 1866; he d. Mar. 6, 1875.
2. Sarah, m. William Plumb.
3. Charles, m. Huldah Bronson.
4. Ralph.
5. Hunter, m. Maria Mc Mullany, and settled near Sacketts Harbor, and at Oswego, N.Y.
6. Della.
7. Albert, m. Margaret Oliver, and 2d., Abigail Maynard.
8. Isaac.  
(Robert S. Sloan, of the "Fitzgibbons Boiler Co.", Oswego, N.Y., is a grand-son of Albert Crane.)

444. 3. Sarah, m. Elisha Wright, and settled in West Bloomfield, N.Y., (John Sears Wright, perfumer, Rochester, N.Y., is a great-grandson.)

by Sybil,

\*445. 4. STEPHEN, b. May 1770.

446. 5. Tamsen, b. Dec. 1775; m. Oct. 20, 1800, Allen Pease, a clothier of Sharon, Conn., (his 2d., wife,) who d. Apr. 8, 1843.

Children, Pease:

1. Munice, b. Mar. 13, 1806; m. Philo C. Howland.
2. John S., b. July 17, 1807; m. Emily Ingram.

\*447. 6. JOHN.

448. 7. Delia, b. July 10, 1771; m. June 7, 1795, Joel Benton of Amenia, N.Y., son of Caleb & Sarah (Bishop) B., he b. May 13, 1771; d. Apr. 13, 1850. See No. 448. 7. Children and relatives, in Amenia, were a continuation.

449. 8. Azenath, m. David Skidmore of Newtown, Conn.

450. 9. Elizabeth, m. Sharon, Conn., Mar. 26, 1792, Stephen Hitchcock, and lived in Amenia, N.Y.

Children, Hitchcock:

1. Alma, m. Judah Swift of Dover, N.Y.

Children, Swift:

1. Elizabeth, m. Charles Place of N.Y.
2. Albert.
3. Azenath.

[ Stephen Sears removed with his parents to South East, N.Y., and about 1760 to Sharon, Conn., where at a later date he purchased the Dea. Hunter, (his wife's father's) place of 150 acres, where Benjamin Sears lived lately.

He was a carpenter and builder by trade, and in that capacity superintended the erection of the meeting house built in 1768, which was taken down when the brick church was built.

He held the office of sheriff, and during the revolution was a commissary with the rank of Captain. He enlisted Oct. 22, 1776 in Maj. Sheldon's Reg. of Light Horse, and was discharged Oct. 30, 1776.

He died of yellow fever at New York in 1791, while at work on a contract there.

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163. ENOCH<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (<sup>4</sup>Benjamin, <sup>3</sup>Samuel, <sup>2</sup>Paul, <sup>1</sup>Richard,) b. Harwich, Mass.,

Sept. 5, 1741; was lost at sea, in the winter of 1773-74; m. Kingston, N.Y.,

----- Underhill, who d. soon after the birth of her only

Child:

\*451. 1. IRA, b. Dutchess co., N.Y., Mar. 7, 1774.

Enoch Sears removed with his parents about 1749 to South East, N.Y., then known as " Oblong," "went west," perhaps to Kingston, N.Y., and was lost on Long Island Sound, three months after Ira's birth, before the birth of his son. His wife died of grief eight months after Ira's birth, and the child was brought up by an uncle's wife, who cared for him as her own babe.

The Underhills were Friends.

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165. SUNDERLAND<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (<sup>4</sup>Benjamin, <sup>3</sup>Samuel, <sup>2</sup>Paul, <sup>1</sup>Richard,) b. probably

in Oblong, N.Y., Dec. 3, 1749; d. Ballston Centre, N.Y., Mar. 20, 1827, in

his 78th yr.; m. there, Jan. 2, 1776, Mary Andrus, she b. May 22, 1755;

<sup>Ballston</sup>,  
d. Nov. 5, 1844, ae. 89 yrs.

Children:

452. Lydia, b. Oct. 1776; m. Jan. 1, 1798, Ezra Hollister of Tompkins co., N.Y., and had 7 children.

\*453. 2. ISAAC, b. Nov. 22, 1778.

\*454. 3. REUBEN, b. Nov. 22, 1778, twin.

\*455. 4. WILLIAM, b. June 11, 1781.

\*456. 5. ABRAM, b. Oct. 27, 1783.

457. 6. Mary, b. Feb. 26, 1786; m. Jan. 13, 1813, James Comstock.

458. 7. Asenath, b. Sept. 27, 1788; m. June 14, 1817, Salmon Wakeman, and d. Sept. 18, 1871.

459. 8. Levi, b. Nov. 1, 1790.

\*460. 9. JAMES, b. Nov. 1, 1790, twin.

461.10. Charlotte, b. July 25, 1793; m. Ballston, N.Y., Dec. 18, 1817, (?)

Rev. Halsey A. Wood, he b. there, Sept. 7, 1793; d. Nov. 27, 1825, ae. 32 yrs.; was pastor of the church in Amsterdam, N.Y., Children, Wood:

1. Alice Martha, b. Bristol, Ind., (?)

1. Martha Staunton, b. Amst., Jan. 18, 1818; m. Union Village, N.Y., Aug. 31, 1843, Rev. D. H. Hamilton, D.D., of Kingsboro, N.Y.

2. Morgan Le Roy, b. Amst., May 8, 1820; m. Lockport, N.Y., 1846, Elizabeth Wakeman. she b. Saratoga, N.Y., 1825; d. 1857, ae. 32 yrs.; and 2d., Mary Wakeman, b. Ballston, N.Y., 1828; d. Oxford, O., 1868; res. Marion, Kansas.

Children, Wood:

1. Alice Martha, b. Bristol, Ind., 1847; d. at Western Female Seminary.

2. Lillian Elizabeth, b. 1850; m. 1872, J. M. Brown, res. Marion, Kansas.

3. Maggie Reynolds, b. Peoria, Ill., 1860.

4. Linda Curtis, b. Peoria, Ill., 1862.

5. Willard Hamilton, b. Carrollton, Ill., 1864.

6. Mary Lyon, b. Carrollton, Ill., 1867.

3. Howard, b. Amst., Apr. 27, 1823; d. Oct. 26, 1825.

4. Margaret Terhune, b. Amst., Jan. 1, 1826; m. Kingsboro, N.Y., July 26, 1849, Joseph Steele, he b. there, Dec. 14, 1824; Children, Steele:

1. Charlotte Wood, b. Mar. 24, 1851; m. Mar. 23, 1876,

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2. Frederika, b. Nov. 28, 1854.

3. James Green, b. Nov. 6, 1857; m. Apr. 10, 1879, -----.

4. D. H. Hamilton, b. May 24, 1861; res. Brooklyn, N.Y.

5. Minerva, b. Nov. 29, 1867.

462. 11. Charles, b. July 25, 1793, twin.

463. 11. Melinda, b. June 25, 1797; m. Mar. 23, 1833, Curtis Taylor of Ballston Centre, N.Y.

Sunderland Sears removed to Ballston Centre shortly after 1776, a Pioneer settler in the wilderness, moving his worldly goods with the help of oxen. He was a farmer, and during the Rev. war lived in Schenectady.

166. SETH<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Benjamin,<sup>4</sup> Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Paul,<sup>2</sup> Richard,<sup>1</sup>) b. about 1736; d. Apr. 2, 1809, ae. 73 yrs., gr-st., Milltown, N.Y.; m. -----.

## Children:

\*464. 1. WILLIAM, b. Oct. 19, 1775.

465. 2. Lydia, b. Jan. 1780; m. Stephen Crosby, son of Abner & Ruth (Foster) C., of South East, N.Y., had a large family and d. July 3, 1867, ae. 87 yrs.; he b. So. East, in 1778.

466. 3. Sally, m. ----- Hubbell.

467. 4. Betsy, m. ----- Green.

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167. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Benjamin,<sup>4</sup> Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Paul,<sup>2</sup> Richard,<sup>1</sup>) b. South East, N.Y.; d. Cortland co., N.Y.; m. -----.

## Children:

468. 1. Lewis.

469. 2. Samuel, b. about 1793; d. South East, N.Y., Oct. 10, 1830, ae. 37.

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170. EBENEZER<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> Paul,<sup>3</sup> Paul,<sup>2</sup> Richard,<sup>1</sup>) b. Yarmouth, Mass., June 13, 1723; d. Chatham, Conn., Dec. 29, 1814; m. there, Jan. 25, 1753, Elizabeth Cooke, who d. July 4, 1797, ae. 63 yrs.; and 2d., Apr. 25, 1798, Dorcas Beebe, who was buried in N.Y. city, Oct. 3, 1826, ae. 84 yrs.

## Children in Chatham:

by Elizabeth,

470. 1. Anna, b. Feb. 17, 1755; d. July 8, 1835; m. July 12, 1781, Amos Clarke, son of Jabez & Sarah (Judd) C., he b. Oct. 12, 1754; d. Mar. 20, 1843.

## Children, Clarke:

1. Anna, b. Apr. 20, 1782; d. Jan. 5, 1786.
2. Philena, b. Sept. 28, 1784.
3. Anna, b. Jan. 21, 1787.
4. Abner Nelson, b. Apr. 12, 1789.
5. Sarah, b. Apr. 22, 1791.
6. Amos, b. Dec. 26, 1794.

\*471. 2. DAVID, b. Nov. 27, 1757.

472. 3. Sarah, ♀. Sept. 5, 1793, Seth Alvord, son of Seth & Eliza (Spencer) A., (his 2d. wife,) he b. July 18, 1754; d. July 14, 1836; she d. Feb. 2, 1819.

Children, Alvord:

1. Otis, b. May 26, 1794.
2. Beulah, b. June 27, 1796.
3. Elizabeth, b. Mar. 14, 1802.
4. Chauncy Hart, b. Dec. 16, 1803.

473. 4. Hannah, b. June 3, 1760; m. Capt. Timothy Ruggles, from Cape Cod, a Rev. soldier; he taught school in Middletown, Conn.; was a Rep. in Gen. Assembly from Chatham, 1793-94; and d. Sept. 27, 1796, ae. 39 yrs.; and 2d., Dec. 7, 1803, Nathaniel Markham, son of John & Desire (Sears) M., (his 3d. wife,) and d. Nov. 29, 1853.

Children, Ruggles:

1. Nancy, b. Jan. 12, 1793.

Children, Markham:

2. John.
3. Timothy, b. Oct. 11, 1806.

474. 5. Betsy, b. Oct. 4, 1768; m. Aug. 5, 1794, John Wiley, Jr., of Chatham, and removed to Granby, Conn., and d.s.p.

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173. HEZEKIAH<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> Paul<sup>3</sup>, Paul<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Dec. 30, 1728; d. Haddam, Conn.; m. Middletown, Conn., Dec. 25, 1755, Deborah Spencer, dau. of Nathaniel & Abigail (Hurlburt) S., she b. Apr. 9, 1736.

Children in East Haddam:

475. 1. Annis, b. June 3, 1758; d. Sept. 8, 1850; m. Dec. 7, 1780, Nathaniel Cooke, who d. Oct. 18, 1816, ae. 61 yrs.; he was a sergeant in the Rev. army.

Children, Cooke:

1. Willard, went west in 1846; m. -----.

Children, Cooke:

1. Abby F., m. J. F. Mendsen; res. Chicago, Ill.

476. 2. Tamsen, bapt. Dec. 25, 1763.

477. 3. Tamsen, bapt. Sept. 1, 1765; m. Samuel Arnold of Haddam.

478. 4. Lucy, b. Mar. 14, 1768; d. Dec. 26, 1773.

479. 5. Deborah, b. Aug. 31, 1772; m. Elisha Day.

480. 6. Lucy, bapt. July 9, 1775; m. Jan. 14, 1795, Joseph Smith, son of David S., he b. Mar. 10, 1774.

Children, Smith:

1. Anna, b. Nov. 13, 1795.
2. Anson, b. Feb. 27, 1797.
3. Polly, b. Dec. 4, 1798.

481. 7. Sarah, b. Sept. 19, 1777; d. Aug. 8, 1855; m. Oct. 25, 1795, David Brainard, son of Dea. Ezra B., he b. Jan. 17, 1775; d. Nov. 26, 1809; and 2d., William Kelly.

Children, Brainard:

1. Harriet, b. Feb. 4, 1796.
2. Narcissa, b. Apr. 25, 1797.
3. Cyrus, b. Dec. 15, 1798.
4. David Artemas, b. Oct. 16, 1809.

Hezekiah Sears lived in East Haddam, Conn., and in 1780 was one of the committee appointed to provide necessities for the Continental army.

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181. PAUL<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> Paul<sup>3</sup>, Paul<sup>2</sup>, Richard,<sup>1</sup>) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Nov. 29, 1744; d. Winthrop, Maine, Jan. 30, 1810, in his 67th yr.; m. int. Marblehead, Mass., Dec. 21, 1771, Alice Nutter, dau. of Ebenezer & Hannah N., she bapt. in 1st Ch. there, Sept. 2, 1753; and 2d., Winthrop, Jan. 27, 1778, Mercy Stevens, dau. of James S., 1st., of Winthrop, who d. Jan. 27, 1829, ae. 76 yrs.

Children:

by Alice,

482. 1. Paul, bapt. 1st. Ch. Marblehead, May 2, 1773; d. inf.

? 483. 2. Child, twin, d. inf.

by Mercy,

\*484. 3. JOHN, b. Winthrop, Sept. 3, 1778.

485. 4. Moses, b. Winthrop, Dec. 3, 1779.

\*486. 5. PAUL STICKNEY, b. Winthrop, July 5, 1781.

487. 6. Mercy, b. Winthrop, July 5, 1781; twin; m. about 1831, John R. White, Asst. Surg. U.S.N., and d.s.p. at Freedom, Maine.

\*488. 7. SILAS, b. Winthrop, Mar. 17, 1783.

489. 8. Alice, b. Winthrop, Oct. 22, 1785; d. Aug. 12, 1873; m. Nov. 16, 1813, Nathaniel Whittier of Farmington, Me., he b. ~~Centreville~~, <sup>the</sup> Clarendonville, Me., July 14, 1779; d. May 30, 1837; son of Benjamin & Mary (Joy) W.

## Children, Whittier:

1. Hiram Benjamin, b. July 26, 1814; m. Mar. 16, 1858, Ann Butler, dau. of Aaron & Elfrida (Greenleaf) Stoyall; d. Somerville, Mass., Mar. 30, 1882.
2. Mary Jane, b. Apr. 20, 1816; d. Mar. 11, 1888.
3. William Henry, b. Oct. 29, 1817; m. Sept. 16, 1857, Mary H. Bass; res. Portland, Me.
4. Nathaniel Gross, b. May 17, 1820; m. Apr. 3, 1858, Mary L. Hardy, b. Anson, Me., Mar. 11, 1831.

## Children, Whittier:

1. Cora Mabel, b. July 18, 1860; d. May 23, 1861.
2. Frank Nathaniel, b. Dec. 22, 1861; Bowdoin, 1885.
3. Annie Augusta, b. Oct. 20, 1867.
4. Caroline Elizabeth, b. Apr. 1, 1822; m. July 1, 1841, William Woods, and d. Apr. 28, 1865.
6. Mercy Angeline, b. Jan. 5, 1825.
7. Mary Angeline, b. Jan. 5, 1825, twin;
8. Alice Adeline, b. Nov. 7, 1826; m. Jan. 26, 1858, Lewis J. Hall, and d. Sept. 19, 1882.

490. 9. Thomas, b. Winthrop, Feb. 15, 1788; d. Oct. 4, 1790.

491.10. Charlotte, b. Winthrop, Nov. 27, 1791; d. Sept. 13, 1814, ae. 22 yrs. 11 mos.

492.11. Tryphena, b. Winthrop, Oct. 21, 1793; d. Apr. 12, 1864; m. Tillotson Chandler and lived in Monmouth, Me.; he was son of John C. Jr.

## Children, Chandler:

1. John.
2. Emily.
3. Malvina.
4. Augustus.
5. Son.

"Paul Sears married a worthy lady of Marblehead, who died in giving birth to twins, in the absence of her husband. On his return, finding his wife and babes all dead, he left the country broken hearted, went to Nova Scotia, and was not heard afterward." (Sears Gen.)

The baptism of one child is recorded in Marblehead, but no other is found in the Church or Town records, and the death of his wife is not recorded.

"Paul Sears of Marblehead," was granted 200 acres of land in Hallowell, Me., May 18, 1774, and was taxed therefor the first time in 1775.

In the Hist. of Winthrop, he is called "a cooper from Cape Cod."

The soldier's monument in the Winthrop Cemetery, was placed over his grave, and his grave-stone removed.

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183. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Paul, <sup>4</sup> Paul, <sup>3</sup> Paul, <sup>2</sup> Richard,) b. Rochester, Mass., Jan. 14, 1725-26; d. Dover, Vt.; m. Roch., Sept. 1753, Patience Parker, dau. of Ebenezer & Thankful P., of Roch., she b. July 4, 1726; d. Mar. 28, 1768; and 2d., Roch., Jan. 29, 1770, Betty Wood.

Children in Rochester:  
by Patience,  
\*493. 1. EBENEZER, b. Dec. 15, 1754.

494. 2. Mary, b. July 8, 1756; m. Douglass, Mass., Nov. 17, 1782, Jacob Staples of Pomfret.

495. 3. Samuel, bapt. Aug. 18, 1762.

\*496. 4. WILLIAM, b. May 9, 1762.

by Betty,

497. 5. Priscilla, b. Sept. 21, 1771.

498. 6. Hatsuld, b. Jan. 23, 1773.

499. 7. Hannah, bapt. Sept. 24, 1780.

William Sears and wife were baptized at Rochester, Aug. 17, 1758; in 1780 they removed to Douglass, formerly New Sherburne, Mass., and thence to Dover, Vt., where he died.

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184. Capt. PAUL<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Paul<sup>4</sup>, Paul<sup>3</sup>, Paul<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b. Rochester, Mass., 1728; was drowned at Egg Harbor, N.J., before 1773; m. Roch., Nov. 30, 1755, Parnell Hammond, dau. of Josephus & Thankful (Winslow) H., she b. Mar. 24, 1736; d. Jan. 22, 1817, in her 82d yr., gr-st.; (having m. 2d., at Egg Harbor, about 1773, William Coffin, who d. Cedar Swamp, N.J.,)

Children:

500. 1. Paul.

(Wm. S. C. — son of Capt. Paul & his wife, Thankful (Winslow) H.  
Parnell (Hammond) H. — )

500a.2. Ann.

500b.3. Sarah, b. 1766; d. 1819, at Pleasant Mills, N.J.; m. Nicholas Sory.

\*500c.4. JOSEPHUS, b. 1767.

500d.5. Parnell, m. Cornelius Tice, son of John & Elizabeth (Peas) T., of Williamstown, Gloucester co., N.J.

Paul Sears was a master-mariner, and removed to Egg Harbor about 1768.

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187. NATHANIEL<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Paul<sup>4</sup>, Paul<sup>3</sup>, Paul<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b. Rochester, Mass., Sept. 1, 1738; d. Apr. 28, 1816, in his 77 yrs., gr-st., Long Plain, Mass.,

m. Rochester, Nov. 26, 1761, Elizabeth Winslow, dau. of John & Bethia (Andrews) W., she b. there, 1741; d. Sept. 24, 1828, in her 87th yr., gr-st.

Children in Rochester:

\*501. 1. SILAS, b. Nov. 26, 1762.

502. 2. Jesse, bapt. July 28, 1771; d. of yellow fever at Charleston, S.C., before 1816.

\*503. 3. NATHANIEL, b. 1766.

\*504. 4. PRINCE, bapt. July 28, 1771.

505. 5. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 3, 1767; m. Jan. 23, 1791, Martin Bryant, son of Nathaniel B., of Plympton, Mass., he b. there, Dec. 27, 1765; d. Weathersfield, Vt., Jan. 13, 1833; she d. Warsaw, N.Y., Feb. 20, 1850.

Children, Bryant:

1. Betsy, b. June 24, 1792; d. Nov. 23, 1813.
2. Martin, b. Mar. 20, 1794; d. Oct. 30, 1834.
3. Asa, b. Feb. 22, 1796; d. Wisconsin, June 1850.
4. Harvey, b. Feb. 13, 1798; d. Oct. 10, 1828.
5. Spencer, b. Apr. 16, 1799; d. Apr. 27, 1877.
6. Mary, b. Mar. 14, 1801; m. Feb. 9, 1826, Linus Thayer, and 2d., Rev. Mr. Hill, who was killed in Iowa, in 1871.
7. Susan, b. Apr. 21, 1803; d. 1861.
8. Deborah, b. Feb. 23, 1805; d. Nov. 10, 1866.
9. Eunice, b. Sept. 13, 1807; d. Mar. 30, 1847.
10. Patrick, b. Mar. 13, 1810; d. June 15, 1862.

506. 6. Paul, bapt. Apr. 4, 1773; d. at sea, before 1816.

507. 7. Susanna, m. int. Feb. 17, 1808, Ebenezer Keene, Jr., of Fair Haven, Mass., (bro. to Hannah Keene who m. Nathaniel Sears, Jr.); she d. Amherst, Mass., leaving issue. "She was tall and erect, lively and cheerful."

508. 8. Deborah, bapt. July 13, 1777; d. Middleboro, Mass., Apr. 23, 1810; m. 1795, Abiel Pierce, Jr., he b. May 30, 1770.

Children, Pierce:

1. Abiel, b. Mar. 6, 1796; m. about 1820, Eliza Cushman; he was a carpenter; Ensign, July 25, 1821; Captain, 1824; and d. Macon, Ga., about 1855.
2. Nathan, b. Apr. 23, 1799; d. unmrd.
3. Betsy, b. Mar. 2, 1802; d. July 25, 1806.
4. Nathaniel Sears, b. Sept. 20, 1804; m. about 1825, Mary Simmons and removed to Illinois.
5. Samuel N., b. Sept. 15, 1808; d. N.Y., in 1834, unmrd.
6. John S., m. about 1828, Mary Wilbur, and d. Peoria, Ill., 1859.

509. 9. Mary, bapt. Aug. 12, 1781; d. July 28, 1813, ae. 32 yrs., gr-st., Long Plain, Mass.

\*510.10. JOHN, bapt. Sept. 11, 1785.

Nathaniel Sears was in Capt. Josiah Thacher's Co., in Col. Thomas' Reg., which landed at Halifax, Nova Scotia, May 11, 1789, and with many others is marked as "absconded."

He was a member of 2d Co. Foot, Capt. Nathaniel Hammond from Rochester, called after the battle of Lexington, marched as far as Marshfield, 80 miles travel, 4 days service, 12s, and 4s 2d.; served in Capt. Barnabas Doty's Co., on alarm at Dartmouth, Sept. 5 to 11, 1778; also Sept. 13, to 17, at 8 pounds per month; and did duty in R.I., Mar. 9, to 31, in Capt. Stephen Churchill's Co., and from Aug. 5, to Dec. 1, 1781, in Capt. Elijah Baker's Co., wages, \$7.17.4.

He was a farmer and an active man in his day.

His Will Apr. 1, 1816, proved May 25, 1816, John Sears, Execr., names wife Elizabeth; sons Nathaniel, Prince, Silas and John; and daughters Susanna Keene and Elizabeth Bryant.

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189. THOMAS<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (<sup>4</sup>Thomas, <sup>3</sup>Paul, <sup>2</sup>Paul, <sup>1</sup>Richard,) b. Plymouth, Mass.; m. there, Oct. 28, 1770, Rebecca Rider, dau. of Charles & Rebecca R., of Ply., she b. 1750; (d. Apr. 14, 1789, in her 39 yrs.)

Children:

\*511. 1. THOMAS, b. 1771.

512. 2. Bartlett, d. Aug. 2, 1821, ae. 45 yrs.; m. Nov. 16, 1798, Bathsheba ----vens of Ply., who d. Sept. 25, 1852, ae. 74 yrs.; his Will dated Dec. 13, 1805, was proved Aug. 20, 1821, and names wife Bathsheba, Execx.; brother Thomas, and a sister whose name is not given.

513. 3. Rebecca, m. 1808, Nicholas Smith.

514. 4. Daniel, was lost at sea.

515. 5. Azubah.

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190. WILLARD<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (<sup>4</sup>Thomas, <sup>3</sup>Paul, <sup>2</sup>Paul, <sup>1</sup>Richard,) b. Plymouth, Mass.; d. Feb. 5, 1826, in his 78th yr.; m. Plympton, Mass., Nov. 3, 1772, Sarah Robbins, dau. of Eleazar & Rebecca (Jackson) R., of Plympton.

Children:

\*516. 1. ELEAZAR, b. May 1778.

\*517. 2. DAVID, b. Aug. 1, 1786.

\*518. 3. EDMUND, b.

519. 4. Willard, d. May 22, 1796, ae. 20 yrs.; his brother Eleazar, a chair-maker, was boiling varnish, when it took fire, he threw the pot of varnish out of the window on to his brother Willard as he was passing unseen by him, and he died from his injuries.

\*520. 5. JOSEPH.

\*521. 6. Thomas, b. 1799.

522. 7. Mercy, m. 1819, Samuel Lewis, (his 2d. wife.)

Children, Lewis:

1. Edwin, b. 1821.
  2. Christiana White, b. 1823.
  3. Wealthy Sampson, b. 1825.
  4. William, b. 1827.

523. 8. Betsy, b. 1790; d. Oct. 23, 1839, in her 49th yr.; m. Thomas Sherman, he b. 1791; and 2d., Eliab Wood, who d. June 14, 1842, in his 47th yr.

524. 9. Sally, m. 1793, Bezaliel Lucas of Carver, Mass., d. June 18, 1799 in Duxbury, Mass.  
Children, Lucas: by Sally,  
1. Oliver, b. 1794. Oct. 6,  
2. Willard Sears, b. 1796. Oct. 10,  
3. George, b. 1798. Aug. 12,

Willard Sears enlisted in Capt. Moses Soule's Co., in Col. John Fellows' Reg., Apr. 21, 1775, and went to Quebec, Sept. 9, 1775; was in Col. Whitcomb's Reg. at Boston in May 1776.

The children are not perhaps placed in the order of their births.

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198. Capt. ELKANAH<sup>5</sup> SEARS, (Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Paul<sup>3</sup>, Paul<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) b. Harwich, Mass., Apr. 12, 1734; d. East Hampton, Conn., Sunday, Nov. 24, 1816, ae. 82 yrs.; m. Middletown, Conn., Jan. 6, 1757, Ruth White, dau. of Joseph W., of Midd., who d. Mar. 9, (or <sup>May</sup> 7,) 1823, ae. 90 yrs.

### Children in East Hampton:

\*525. 1. ISAAC, b. Nov. 3, 1757.

\*526. 2. WILLARD, b. Sept. 8, 1760.

527. 3. Ruth, b. Mar. 13, 1762; d. July 29, 1764, ae. 2 yrs. 4 mos.

528. 4. Ruth, b. Mar. 21, 1765; d. Meredith, N.Y., 1830; m. Nov. 5, 1784,  
Joshua Bailey, Jr.

Children, Bailey:

1. Lucy, bapt. May 1794.
  2. Timothy, bapt. May 1794.
  3. Anna, bapt. Apr. 9, 1797.

4. Joshua, bapt. Oct. 26, 1800; one of the sons was the inventor of the machine for making weaving underwear, and died in Cohoes, N.Y., or vicinity.

529. 5. Rachel, b. Sept. 9, 1768; d. Sept. 19, 1850, ae. 82 yrs.; m. Nov. 20, 1791, Nathaniel Bailey, (bro. of above Joshua,) who was drowned in his mill-pond, Sept. 1, 1817, ae. 49 yrs.

Children, Bailey:

1. Henry, m. -----, and d.s.p.

2. Rhoda, m. Henry Roberts of Middle Haddam, Conn., and had issue.

3. Clarissa, b. Apr. 19, 1800; d. Oct. 26, 1834; m. William Wadsworth Richmond, son of Dr. John & Prudence (Wadsworth) R., he b. E. Hampton, Conn., Oct. 27, 1797; (Dr. R. had previously lived in East Hartford, Conn., and Brookline, Mass.)

Children, Richmond:

1. William H., b. Marlboro, Conn., Oct. 23, 1821; m. 1849, Lois R. Morse of Windham, N.Y.

Children, Richmond:

1. Mary R., b. Jan. 30, 1855; m. Oct. 6, 1881, Fred. K. Tracy of Mansfield, O.

2. Emeline K., b. Nov. 7, 1858.

3. Clara Morss, b. Sept. 16, 1860.  
and 2 daus. who d. inf.

He is Pres. Elk Hill Coal & Iron Co., and Treas. Richmond Hill Farm; res. Scranton, Pa.

K./ 2. Harriett X., b. Dec. 31, 1823; m. George W. Cheney; res. South Manchester, Conn.

Children, Cheney:

1. Wells W., m. St. Augustine, Fla., Apr. 19, 1887,  
Lucy Campton Street.

2. Louis R., m. Apr. 16, 1890, Mary Alice Robinson of Hartford, Conn.

3. George Herbert.

3. Emily F., b. Nov. 17, 1826; d. Jan. 1858; m. William Jones of Marlboro, Conn., and had 1 son.

4. Frances X., b. May 1, 1828; d. July 6, 1857; m. Augustus S. Smith; no living children.

5. Albert Wadsworth, b. June 30, 1831; d. Nov. 25, 1868;  
m. Laura -----, and had 1 daughter, res. Carbondale, Pa.

4. Harriet, m. Alfred Williams of East Hampton, Conn., and had 5 children.

\*530. 6. BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 21, 1771.

Capt Elkanah Sears removed with his parents to Middletown, Conn., in 1746, and after his marriage in 1757, lived on a farm just west of Pocotapaug lake in East Hampton.

In 1780 he was of the committee to provide necessities for the Continental army, and assisted in provisioning troops on Long Island, narrowly escaping capture at one time.

In 1794 he purchased land in Freehold, Albany co., N.Y., being part of the township sold to Benjamin Spees, et al., of Chatham, Conn., called "Lothania, or "Maitland claim," the consideration therefor being 60 pounds.